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1 — New Mexico releases monitoring plan for Colorado mine spill, Santa Fe New Mexican, 10/20/2015

<http://bit.ly/1LEBx8J>

Extensive soil and water sampling would be done along the Animas River in northwestern New Mexico and residents would be recruited to assess the level of heavy metals in their urine under a plan aimed at getting a better handle on the long-term effects of a mine spill that contaminated rivers in three Western states.

2 — New Study on Historical Shaking Suggests a Century of Oil and Gas Earthquakes in Oklahoma, NPR StateImpact, 10/20/2015

<http://n.pr/1OSe5Jv>

An upsurge of earthquakes linked to the oil and gas industry continues to rattle Oklahoma, but new research suggests most of the significant earthquakes recorded in the state over the last century also were likely triggered by drilling activity.

3 — New SMU map shows Dallas, Irving keep earthquaking along fault line found in February, Dallas Morning News, 10/20/2015

<http://thescoopblog.dallasnews.com/2015/10/new-smu-map-shows-dallas-irving-keep-earthquaking-along-fault-line-found-in-february.html/>

On Friday our local earthquake task force (consisting of U.S. Geological Survey and SMU seismologists and Dallas and Irving city hall-passers) met to get a better look at that two-mile-long Irving-to-Northwest Dallas fault line uncovered in February. And what they saw was the new map posted above, which pinpoints quakes and smaller “events” detected by seismographs between January 1 and October 16.

4 — Can a bankruptcy court cut coal pollution in Texas? Green groups say yes, E&E News, 10/21/15

<http://www.eenews.net/stories/1060026636>

Environmentalists started a long-shot campaign yesterday to steer a Texas power company's massive bankruptcy away from coal-fired generation. The Dallas County Commissioners voted 5-0 on a resolution, backed by the Texas chapter of Public Citizen and the Dallas County Medical Society, calling on the bankruptcy judge handling Energy Future Holdings Corp.'s (EFH) case to clean up three outdated coal plants as part of the company's reorganization.

5 — Uranium Mining Legacy Meeting Next Tuesday, Cibola (NM) Beacon, 10/20/2015

http://www.cibolabeacon.com/news/uranium-mining-legacy-meeting-next-tuesday/article_d2c12fc8-7774-11e5-9ecf-7b2a12fb814f.html

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 is holding an Open House/Community Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 6:30-8 p.m. to provide area residents updates on the Homestake Superfund Site and the Grants Mineral Belt projects. Managers for both projects will be available to answer questions and/or

provide comment on concerns. The meeting will take place at the Cibola County Complex, 515 W. High St. in Grants.

6 — Quapaw Tribe receives \$9.5 million grant to clean up 100 acres in northern Ottawa County, Tulsa World, 10/20/2015

<http://bit.ly/1Xk1hi0>

The Quapaw Tribe has been awarded a \$9.5 million Environmental Protection Agency grant earmarked to clean up 100 acres of the Tar Creek Superfund site in northern Ottawa County.

7 — Feds extend period for input on plan to clean up LANL chromium plume, Santa Fe New Mexican, 10/20/2015

<http://bit.ly/1NnDYiR>

The U.S. Department of Energy has extended its public comment period on a plan to control the spread of a plume of chromium in groundwater under Los Alamos National Laboratory property that is migrating toward San Ildefonso Pueblo.

8 — Fracking can cause nearby abandoned wells to leak methane-study, Reuters, 10/20/2015

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/10/20/usa-fracking-methane-idUSL8N12K4FC20151020>

Hydraulic fracturing can cause nearby abandoned oil wells to leak methane, according to a study published on Tuesday in the peer-reviewed Water Resources Research journal, marking a potentially large source of unrecorded greenhouse gas emissions.

9 — Clean-power rules should look less scary to critics now (editorial), Dallas Morning News, 10/19/2015

<http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/editorials/20151020-editorial-clean-power-rules-should-look-less-scary-to-critics-now.ece>

Texas is a big state with big power demands. So when the EPA steps up to hold the state to a high standard for reducing carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants, Texas reflexively runs to court. However, the state's power grid operator last week offered every reason for the attorney general to stand down in his opposition to the new power plant rules.

10 — PNM offers good deal on power plant (opinion), Albuquerque Journal, 10/21/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/662933/opinion/pnm-offers-good-deal-on-power-plant.html>

In the coming weeks, the Public Regulation Commission will vote on PNM's plan to close down two coal-fired units at San Juan Generating Station while keeping two remaining coal-fired units operating. PNM makes a strong case that this plan will help hold down energy costs, maintain our economy, and meet the state's energy demands.

11 — Clean Energy Goals Mean Lower Costs, Prices, Walmart Energy Boss Says, KUAR, 10/20/2015

<http://ualrpublicradio.org/post/clean-energy-goals-mean-lower-costs-prices-walmart-energy-boss-says#stream/0>

The newly hired chief of Walmart's energy division told members of the Arkansas Advance Energy Association on Tuesday that the retail giant's ultimate goal in becoming 100% sustainable and supplied by renewable energy is still to reduce costs and bring lower prices to the retail giant's millions of customers

12 — Fort Smith Board to consider auditor for utilities department, talks road work, Fort Smith City Wire, 10/20/2015

<http://www.thecitywire.com/node/39292#.ViecXPIViko>

In a consent decree, the EPA gave the city until the end of March 2018 to complete the required work and submit for final review. But first, the Board of Directors will have to approve the utilities department's scope of services, which it has rejected twice thus far. With the work expected to take 24 months, the city is running out of time and could face additional penalties if the project goes past deadline.

13 — Welcome to CR Hell, Politico, 10/21/2015

<http://www.politico.com/agenda/story/2015/10/congress-federal-budget-continuing-resolution-000270>

The deal closed in Washington on Sept. 30 seemed like the end of a drama. Just as the fiscal calendar ran out, Congress voted for an agreement to keep the government from shutting down. Lawmakers agreed on a temporary funding patch, the president signed it, and America's attention quickly moved on to the next political showdown. In official terms, they passed a continuing resolution, and it felt like a crisis averted. It wasn't.